

1st CMAS SF Women World Championship

32nd CMAS SF Men World Championship

September 18 – 19th , 2021 – Arbatax – Sardinia – Italy

Subject: CLARIFICATION TO SPECIAL REGULATIONS WC Women / WC Men – August 30th, 2021

September, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Reference: Letter from Portuguese Federation for Underwater Activities, without date,  
received on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.

Dear Mr Cardoso,

Regarding your letter in Ref. to CMAS Sports Committee and to WC General Manager, Sg Simone Mingoia, questioning some aspects of recent communication of “Clarification of Special Regulations WC2021” distributed to all NF registered in the event, let me precise some key points:

1. The mentioned communication to all NF TEAMS is a full responsibility of International Jury of WC2021 (so CMAS Technical Delegate) that is working together with LOC, Fipsas and CMAS SF Commission representatives to solve arising issues. As a direct consequence, the communication has been signed by myself as CMAS Technical Delegate for the WC2021.
2. Anyone is free to consider that changes has been communicated later than we would like but, regarding Men and / or Women Competition Zones, LOC have ever been into the deadlines in CMAS Procedures and current CMAS SF International Rules (GRs).
  - Men's Zones were fixed, approved and communicated in full compliance of CMAS GR Rules, and there is not any addendum nor reduction to approved zones in changes communicated yesterday.
  - Regarding Women Zones, Zone confirmation deadline on August, 16<sup>th</sup> has been a direct consequence of the new Safety requirements proposal under BoD request,
    - First, approved by CMAS SF Commission on Meeting of the Spearfishing Commission, held in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, thursday 23rd of January 2020. See point 3 of Minutes of the Meeting.
    - Second, approved by BoD in its meeting June, 2020.

Under the approved new Safety requirements is included that, in the short term, Women Zones in SF CMAS Ch's will be fixed into approved Men longer Zones (15 kms), whatever shared or not shared between Men and Women category.

Furthermore, this is due to the need to wait final Women # of athletes registered at deadline August, 16th to be able to fix adequate size for Women's Zones 1, 2 and Reserve as a Minimum Participation # of athletes, being another CMAS requirement in

current CMAS GR v 14 04 2021 to get an officially recognized CMAS WC or just a CMAS World Cup Women.

3. I'm obliged to remember that Art 9 in approved Special Regulation of WC2021 requires to athletes, captains and other registered team members to know CMAS SF International Rules, WC Special Regulations (Particular Rules) **and Italian laws / local Marine Authority rules.**

Captains, athletes and any registered team members are invited to come in Harbour Office and ask for applicable law.

4. According to conversations of LOC representatives with Harbour Authority, they agreed a more flexible interpretation of Women South Zone allowing the athletes to be out of the imaginary line between points M and O in distributed coast maps, that means about 200-300 mts from beach to exclusion line in most part of this zone.

5. Furthermore, an extension of Women South Zone 1 km to the North has been communicated yesterday evening to all NFs / teams involved. This extended area will be shared with Men category and will provide most suitable not sand areas.

6. The rest of clarifications in letter sent are not Zones related, they are just changes approved by BoD during 2020 and integrated in CMAS SF International Rules (GR) v 14 04 2021, after first approval of Special Regulations for WC 2020, postponed after to September 2021 due to Covid worldwide restrictions, and being this points to be updated in Special Regulations for WC 2021.

Mostly they are higher Safety requirements + treatment of not regulated innovations or athletes practices as (not) using electric winch to recover the lest from the bottom as well as use of Minkota (system of automatic management of gps + motor to keep boat in a certain waypoint.

Some other matters in communication sent are just a call to confirm Special Regulations face to teams doubts.

So that's all. The protest of Portugal is a respectable opinion but not based on lack of compliance of CMAS Rules or Special Regulations and is considered too generic against the letter of clarification, without paying attention to approved new Safety Requirements approved by BoD during 2020 or to GRs v 14 04 2021 or even ignoring this GRs.

Best Regards,

Antonio Mourinha (CMAS TD appointed by BoD)